

SERVICES IN KINGS CANYON PARK & USFS AREAS



Grant Grove Area

GRANT GROVE VILLAGE

6600' (2008 m) elevation. Grant Grove was originally General Grant National Park, created in 1890 to protect sequoias from logging. Here you can see both a pristine grove & one that was logged in the 1800s. In addition to picnicking (see page 3) & horseback riding in summer, the village offers:

INFORMATION

- **Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 8am-5pm through 10/30, then 9am-4:30pm. Exhibits, books, maps, first aid. A 15-minute slide show on the park's natural & human history (not available starting late fall due to exhibit replacement). Local wilderness permits issued 8am-4pm only (see details page 4). 1-559-565-4307.

FOOD & SHOPS (KCPS)

- **Restaurant:** Through 10/23: weekdays 7:30am-2pm & 5 - 7pm (until 8pm Friday); Saturday 7am-8pm; Sunday 7am-7pm. Starting 10/24: 8am-2pm & 5-7pm (open until 8pm Friday-Saturday).
- **Gift Shop:** Through 10/23: Daily 9am-7pm (8pm on Friday-Saturday). Starting 10/24: 9am-6pm (open until 7pm Friday-Saturday). Film, souvenirs, clothing. ATM in lobby.
- **Market:** Through 10/23: Daily 9am-7pm (8pm on Friday-Saturday). Starting 10/24: 9am-6pm (open until 7pm Friday-Saturday). Groceries, bear canisters, emergency gasoline, supplies.

OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping (NPS) & Lodging:** See page 10-11 for details.
- **Showers (KCPS):** Closed for the season.
- **Post Office:** Hours may vary. Monday-Friday 9am-3:30pm & Saturday 9am-11:30pm. Lobby & stamp machine open 24 hours. Address visitor mail: c/o General Delivery, Kings Canyon NP, CA 93633. 1-559-335-2499.

Cedar Grove Area

Hwy 180 into the canyon is open until November 8, weather permitting.

CEDAR GROVE VILLAGE

4600' (1410 m) elevation. This glaciated valley features towering granite cliffs, tumbling waterfalls, and the Kings River. The area offers picnicking (see page 3) and horsebackriding (now closed for the season) as well as:

INFORMATION

- **Visitor Center (NPS):** Closed for the season. Check bulletin boards for information.
- **Wilderness Permits (NPS):** Self-register at Road's End, 6 miles (9.6km) east of the Village. See details page 4.
- **Camping** Last night 11/7. Details on page 11.

FOOD, LODGING & SHOPS (KCPS) - close at 11am on 10/17

- **Restaurant:** Counter-service meals & snack bar; not a full-service restaurant. Weekends 7:30am-2pm & 5-7pm, weekdays 7:30-10:30am. Lunch supplies available at market.
- **Gift Shop & Market:** Salads, sandwiches, supplies, bear canisters, souvenirs, film. Daily 7:30am-7pm.
- **Lodging:** Last night 10/16. See pages 10 & 11 for details.
- **Showers & Laundry:** Daily 8am-6pm. Last laundry load in by 1 hour before closing. Get shower key at market.

USFS: National Forest & Monument

HUME LAKE & BIG MEADOWS AREAS (FS)

Giant Sequoia National Monument, part of Sequoia National Forest, borders much of the western edge of these National Parks. You are in National Forest when you drive between the park areas of Lodgepole and Grant Grove, and between Grant Grove and Cedar Grove (see page 2 for more on the difference between Park and Forest). The area was sold to the government as a Forest Reserve in 1935. It is an excellent place to see recovery from intensive sequoia logging in the late 1800s. Snowy in winter, in summer it offers picnicking & horseback riding (see page 3) as well as:

INFORMATION

- **USFS Hume Lake District Office (FS):** 35860 Kings Canyon Road (Hwy 180) in Dunlap, 19 miles (31 km) west of Kings Canyon Park entrance at Big Stump. Weekdays 8am-4:30pm. Maps, books. 1-559-338-2251; www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia.

OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping (FS) & Lodging (private):** See pages 10 & 11 for details.
- **Boyden Cavern:** Closes 11/8. On Hwy 180 between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove. Tours on the hour 11am-4pm weekdays; 10am-5pm on weekends. \$10 ages 14 & up; \$5 ages 3-13; under 3 free. AAA discounts. On Hwy 180 between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove. 1-209-736-2708.
- **Stony Creek Village & Lodge (FS):** Opens until 11am on 11/1, weather permitting. Market 7:30am-7pm (8pm Friday-Saturday). Restaurant Wednesday-Sunday 11:30am-2pm & 5-7pm (8pm Friday-Saturday); closed Monday-Tuesday. Showers 8am-6pm. Gasoline 24 hours with credit card.
- **Montecito-Sequoia Resort (FS):** A permitted resort on public land. Open year-round. On the Generals Highway 9 miles (14.5km) south of Grant Grove. Restaurant: breakfast 8-9:30am, lunch 12-1:30pm, dinner 6-7:30pm. Cabins, hotel, children's and winter activities. Reservations: 1-800-227-9900; www.mslodge.com. Lodge: 1-800-843-8677; 1-559-565-3388.
- **Hume Lake:** Private facilities open to public; 8 miles (13km) north of Grant Grove on Hwy 180 then 3 miles (5km) south on Hume Lake Road. 24-hour gas station (with credit card) & laundry (coin operated). Market daily 8am-12 & 1-5pm (Friday until 7pm). Snack bar hours vary. Call for details and dates of rentals: 1-559-335-2000.

GASOLINE

- **Gas Sales (private):** Year-round at Hume Lake Christian Camps (24 hours with credit card; see above); until late October at Stony Creek Village (24 hours with credit card) and into November at Kings Canyon Lodge (usually 9am-dark). See *Rules of the Road*, page 5, for details.



NATURE PROGRAMS

In the fall, park rangers offer free walks & talks some weekends in Grant Grove. Check local bulletin boards & visitor centers for schedules.

Once enough snow piles up, snowshoe walks are on the schedule! Snowshoes are loaned for free, but group size is limited. Ask about this unusual way to enjoy the forest and plan to come back this winter!